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## 2013 Freshwater Emergent Weed Monitoring Report

For

Herbicide Applications to Freshwater Emergent Noxious and Quarantine Weeds performed under the Noxious Weed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit WAG9993000

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NPDES WAG993000 requires that the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) submit an annual freshwater emergent weed monitoring plan to the Washington State Department of Ecology (WSDOE) and conduct monitoring as necessary.

WSDA proposed to monitor a subset of imazamox, bispyribacsodium, penoxsulam, flumioxazin, or carfentrazone-ethyl treatments if these active ingredients were used under the permit in 2012. A small number of entities proposed to use imazamox in 2013 and were contacted by WSDA for monitoring purposes. A single application of imazamox was conducted in 2013 and water monitoring samples were collected. No applications of any of the other active ingredients in question occurred.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and garden loosestrife (*Lysimachia vulgaris*) plants growing along the shoreline of the Sammamish River near Luke McRedmond Landing in Redmond, WA (WRIA 8) were treated with a solution of two percent imazamox (Clearcast®) herbicide and one-half percent Competitor® surfactant using backpack sprayers. The treatments were conducted under the supervision of staff from the King County Noxious Weed Control Board. There was no precipitation during the application. The total active ingredient used for the imazamox was 9.68 ml. and the area treated was 3,434 square feet (0.0788 acres).

WSDA staff collected the monitoring samples using established protocols. The samples were hand delivered to Pacific Agricultural Laboratory in Portland, OR on July 24<sup>th</sup>. This laboratory was selected with the approval of WSDOE. The sampling information and resultant laboratory results are reported below. All detectible levels of herbicide are reported in micrograms per liter (ug/L). One microgram per liter equals one part per billion (ppb).

Sample Timing	Results		
1 hour before treatment	Not Detected		
1 hour after treatment	0.073 ug/L	<i>.</i> *.	
24 hours after treatment	Not Detected		

For more information on sampling procedures and protocols contact WSDA.

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